

rifling, or damage thereof in the mails, the indemnity to be paid out of the postal revenues, but in no case to exceed \$1,000 for any one registered piece, or the actual value thereof when that is less than \$1,000, and for which no other compensation or reimbursement to the loser has been made, the amount of such indemnity to be fixed by the Postmaster General."

Approved, May 1, 1928.

May 1, 1928.
[H. R. 11583.]
[Public, No. 329.]

CHAP. 464.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State Highway Commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the White River at or near Cotter, Arkansas.

White River.
Arkansas may
bridge, at Cotter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State Highway Commission of Arkansas to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across White River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Cotter, Arkansas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

Construction.
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Rates applied to operation, sinking fund, etc.

SEC. 2. If tolls are charged for the use of such bridge, the rates of toll shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient (1) to pay the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches; (2) the interest on borrowed money necessarily required and financing charges necessarily incurred in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches; and (3) to provide a sinking fund sufficient to retire the bonds issued and sold in connection with such original construction. All revenues received from the bridge shall be applied to the foregoing purposes, and no bonds issued in connection with the construction of the bridge and its approaches shall be made to mature later than twenty years after the date of issue thereof.

Maturity of bonds limited, etc.

Maintenance as free bridge on retirement of bonds.

Record of expenditures, receipts, etc.

After a fund sufficient to retire such bonds in accordance with their provisions shall have been so provided, the bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated as a free highway bridge upon which no tolls shall be charged. An accurate and itemized record of the original cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, the interest charges paid, and the tolls charged and the daily revenues received from the bridge, shall be kept by the State Highway Commission of Arkansas, and shall be available at all reasonable times for the information of all persons interested.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 1, 1928.

May 1, 1928.
[H. R. 11625.]
[Public, No. 330.]

CHAP. 465.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Montana, Valley County, Montana, and Garfield County, Montana, or to any or either of them, jointly or severally, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Montana.

Missouri River.
Ante, p. 111, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act granting the consent of Congress to the State of Montana, Valley County, Montana, and McCone County, Montana, or to any or either of them, jointly or severally, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Missouri River at or near

Glasgow, Montana," approved February 16, 1928, be amended to read as follows:

"That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Montana, Valley County, Montana, and Garfield County, Montana, or to any or either of them jointly or severally, to construct, maintain, and operate a free bridge and approaches thereto across the Missouri River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Glasgow, Montana, in township 25 north, range 40 east of the Montana principal meridian, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled 'An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,' approved March 23, 1906.

Montana, Valley and Garfield Counties may bridge, at Glasgow.

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"SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved."

Amendment.

Approved, May 1, 1928.

CHAP. 466.—An Act Authorizing the B and P Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Rio Grande River at or near Weslaco, Texas.

May 1, 1928.
[H. R. 11578.]
[Public, No. 331.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to facilitate international commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the B and P Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Rio Grande River, so far as the United States has jurisdiction over the waters of such river, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Weslaco, Texas, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act, and subject to the approval of the proper authorities in Mexico.

Rio Grande. B and P Bridge Company may bridge, at Weslaco, Tex.

Construction.
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Approval of Mexico required.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the B and P Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property in the State of Texas needed for the location, construction, operation, and maintenance of such bridge and its approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State of Texas, upon making just compensation therefor to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Right to acquire real estate, etc., in Texas for location, approaches, etc.

Condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The said B and P Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge in accordance with any laws of Texas applicable thereto, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Tolls authorized.

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SEC. 4. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the B and P Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, and any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person.

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, May 1, 1928.